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| For        | : | BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE FRAGMENTS<br>AND VARIANTS, AND METHODS OF<br>USING BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE AND<br>SUCH FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS | )<br>)<br>) |            |

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Primary Examiner's decision dated July 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 68, 71-77.

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